

State of Delaware
BOARD OF PARDONS
DELAWARE BOARD OF PARDONS CHECKLIST

YOU MUST COMPLETE STEPS 1 AND 2 BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS. THESE TWO STEPS WILL TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS! ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILLED IN ONLINE AND THEN PRINTED FOR SUBMISSION.

Step 1

Request your **Certified Criminal History** which can be obtained by submitting a **fee** along with your **fingerprints** to [State Bureau of Identification](#). For specific information and locations please contact them at (302) 739-5871. **Please be advised that your Criminal History cannot be older than 3 months at the time your application is submitted.** These documents must be attached to your application.

Step 2

Request **Certified Court Dockets** and **Sentencing Orders and/or disposition records** for all **ADULT** dispositions listed as **guilty, unknown, unobtainable, transferred**. Contact the courts in the county associated with the offense(s) for further information on how to request the documents. These documents must be attached to your application.

Step 3

Once you have received your **Certified Criminal History** and your **Certified Court Dockets and Sentencing Orders**, complete the page titled "[Criminal History Review Form](#)".

Step 4

Compare your offense(s) from your "**Criminal History Review Form**" to the offense(s) listed on the "[Offenses that Require a Mental Health Report](#)." If jail time was served in relation to an offense(s) that require a mental health report, you will have to provide a **Psychiatric or Psychological Evaluation** from a licensed professional of your choice. Any psychologist or psychiatrist performing an evaluation must submit the information requested in [Rule 9, paragraph \(c\) listed on page 12 of the Rules of the Board of Pardons](#).

Step 5

Complete the entire **Delaware Board of Pardons** [Application for Pardon](#) by typing in your responses online and then printing once complete.

Step 6

Complete the [Affidavit of Mailing](#) by typing in your responses online and then printing once complete. This form must be notarized. Include the original Affidavit in your application and mail copies to the individuals listed on the form.

Step 7

To request a **Telephonic hearing due to hardship**, please complete and submit with the application the [Hardship Form](#). Please be aware that this request is subject to approval.

Step 8

Assemble all your documents to include the criminal history report and the court dockets and attach them to the appropriate sections as specified in the application. Once assembled, make one copy of EVERYTHING (so you will have a total of 2 complete packets). Use a paper clip or binder clip to attach your documents together for each packet. **Stapled documents will not be accepted.**

Step 9

Keep one copy of your application packet for your records and mail the original packet to:

**Board of Pardons
Secretary of State's Office
401 Federal Street, Suite 3
Dover, DE 19901**

If you have any questions, contact the Board of Pardons at 302-739-4111. You can also visit us online at pardons.delaware.gov.